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1. The Subcommittee on Postal Operations of the House Post Office & Civil Service Committee, under Congresswoman St. George (R., N.Y.), is considering the problem of the increasing flow of subversive propaganda material coming into the United States through the mails. The subcommittee was shown a propaganda film on germ warfare. Representatives of State, Justice and the Post Office have met with the Subcommittee looking toward legislation which would aid in the exclusion of this material from the mails. This is a

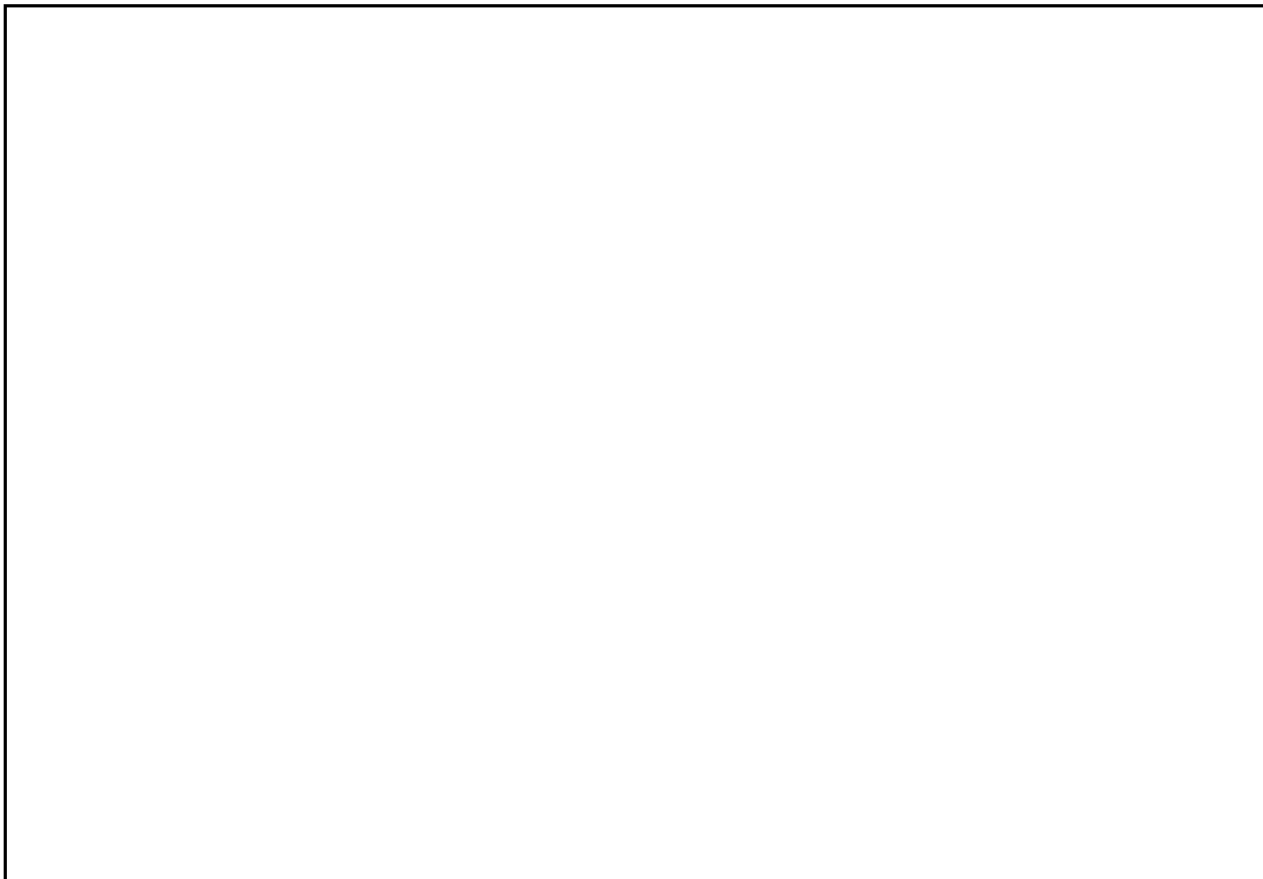
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2. Mr. Kirkpatrick has learned through "unimpeachable" sources that Sen. Bridges was quite dissatisfied with the briefing he received from CIA on Communism in foreign labor unions prior to his trip abroad with Sen. Symington. He felt the briefing was naive and that perhaps CIA should be looked into.

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5. Mr. Sweig, of Cong. McCormack's office, called the other day to state that a business acquaintance of Cong. McCormack had been offered the American sales rights to a German miniature wire recorder called Minophone, and desired to know whether there would be an American market for same. I told Mr. Sweig that CIA had no interest in the matter as any purchases we might make would be made abroad and suggested he might wish to consult the FBI or the Department of Commerce.

6. Mr. Collins, of the Senate Judiciary Committee staff, called to invite CIA to testify, if it so desired, before a Subcommittee at 10 a.m. on 10 March which will reconsider S. 2308 concerning the Department of Justice authority to investigate wrong doings in government departments and agencies. In view of our current agreement with the Department of Justice, it is recommended that CIA not testify, but that Mr. Houston and I attend the hearings to make certain that nothing is done to violate CIA jurisdiction.